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COUNTRY LAOS

DOI MID FEBRUARY 1968

SUBJECT SIGHTING OF TWO U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR IN SAVANNAKHET  
PROVINCE, LAOS

AGO VIETNAM, SAIGON (13 MARCH 1973)

SOURCE

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1. ABOUT MID FEBRUARY 1968, [REDACTED] AND

HIS UNIT, THE [REDACTED],  
NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY (NVA) 338TH DIVISION, MET TWO U.S.  
PRISONERS OF WAR (POW) ABOUT TWO DAYS MARCH SOUTH OF THE  
SEPONE RIVER, LAOS, NEAR THE 30A STATION OF THE 559TH COMM/,  
LIAISON LINE IN SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE, LAOS. THE TWO POWS  
WERE WOUNDED AND WERE BEING CARRIED TO NORTH VIETNAM ON  
HAMMOCKS BY EIGHT ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (ARVN) POWS.

[REDACTED] POLITICAL OFFICER TALKED WITH THE  
ARVN POWS WHO TOLD HIM THAT ONE OF THE U.S. POWS WAS A SENIOR  
SERGEANT AND THE OTHER, A MAJOR. THEY WERE BOTH CAPTURED  
IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE AND BOTH SHOT IN THE LEGS BY NVA  
SOLDIERS WHEN THEY TRIED TO ESCAPE. THEY WERE CAUCASIAN,  
WORE U.S. MILITARY UNIFORMS, WERE HATLESS, HAD BLOND HAIR  
AND GREEN EYES. ONE OF THE POWS WAS VERY THIN AND THE OTHER  
HAD A NORMAL BUILD.

2. THE THIN POW WAS FROM 1.80 TO 1.90 METERS TALL,  
WEIGHED ABOUT 70 KILOS, HAD A LONG, GAUNT FACE, A ROSY

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COMPLEXION, AND A SOMEWHAT CROOKED NOSE, THOUGH BOTH OF HIS LEGS HAD BEEN WOUNDED, HE WORE CALF-HIGH, BLACK U.S. MILITARY BOOTS,

3. THE OTHER POW WAS 1.80 TO 1.90 METERS TALL, WEIGHED ABOUT 82 KILOS, HAD A ROSY COMPLEXION AND WAS RATHER HANDSOME. HIS HEAD AND ONE OF HIS LEGS WERE BANDAGED, BUT HE APPEARED TO BE HEALTHY. [REDACTED] WAS SHOWN BOTH VOLUMES OF PRISONERS OF WAR AND MISSING IN ACTION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA BUT WAS UNABLE TO MAKE ANY IDENTIFICATION.)

4. [REDACTED] THE FOLLOWING IS THE JOINT CASUALTY RESOLUTION CENTER (JCRC) EVALUATION OF THE REPORT: THE INFORMATION AS PRESENTED PRECLUDES DEFINITE CORRELATION.)

5. [REDACTED]  
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6. FIELD DISSEM: DEFENSE ATTACHE FOR JCRC REPRESENTATIVE  
AT SAIGON: SENT TO CINCPAC (FOR CINCPAC AND POLAD ONLY) USSAG  
AND VIENTIANE (FOR JCRC REPRESENTATIVES ONLY).

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